



Salem District Project Update

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PAYMENTS TO COUNTIES UPDATE

The federal charters for the Payments to Counties Resource Advisory Committees, as well as the application forms for the Resource Advisory Committee membership, are undergoing final review in Washington D.C., and approval is expected any time. As soon as the charter and application forms are approved, they will be posted on the Salem District WEB site (<http://www.or.blm.gov/salem>) .

The "official" application period for RAC membership will be initiated upon approval of the charters and the application forms. The Salem District WEB site will contain a log listing all RAC membership applications that have been received. This will allow applicants to verify receipt of their applications as well as for other interested parties to view the application pool.

Some counties and county organizations have been soliciting member applications for the RACs.

The Salem District Web site has instructions and forms, as well as links to other federal sites dealing with implementing this legislation. Project Submission Forms are already posted on the WEB.

Contacts for the Salem District Resource Advisory Committee are as follows:

Questions about RAC membership - Trish Hogervorst, 503-375-5657

General Questions about Project Submissions - Chuck Hawkins 503 -315-5907

Questions specific to Benton, Lincoln and Polk counties - Randy Gould, 503-375-5682

Questions specific to Columbia, Yamhill, Tillamook, Washington counties - Rick Kneeland, 503-815-1141

Questions specific to Linn, Marion, Clackamas, Multnomah counties - Jim Irving, 503-315-5917

Horning Seed Orchard Spring Insect Spray

A Spring Insect Spray Project is proposed at the Horning Seed Orchard near Colton for April 2001 to control seed cone insects. The Decision has been signed and the 30 day appeal period ends May 12, 2001. The decision is posted on the Salem District web site. Contact Chuck Hawkins, 503-315-5907 or orchard manager Jim Hallberg 503-824-2151

Purpose of Project Update

The primary purpose of *Project Update* is to inform the public of proposed projects and of opportunities to provide scoping input or comment on environmental assessments. Public notification is required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Additional notifications are made in local newspapers. In addition to NEPA projects, *Project Update* provides information on ongoing watershed analyses. While these are not NEPA documents, public participation and comments are encouraged throughout the process. *Project Update* also discusses those projects which are being implemented under NEPA categorical exclusions. Contacts are provided for each project. *Project Update* is normally published quarterly, in March, June, September and December

Salem District Timber Sale Program

Included at the end of *Project Update* are tables which display the Salem District Timber Sale Plan for FY2001. Due to high levels of uncertainty, it will be updated in future quarterly issues to show changes in the sale plan. NEPA Information on current sales, as well as some out year sales, is provided in the resource area tables of *Project Update*.

Salem District WEB Site (<http://www.or.blm.gov/salem>)

Just a reminder to readers what is available on the Salem District WEB site. Under the planning page you will find; the Annual Program Summary, the current *Project Update*, current Resource Management Plan maintenance, Environmental Assessments, selected watershed analyses, and the Northwest Forest Plan. The WEB site also has a personnel directory, photographs, maps, recreation information and other miscellaneous information. We encourage you to review the site and offer suggestions for additions and improvements. For more information on the WEB site, contact Tim Jacobsson 503-375-5641

Cascades Resource Area

New Projects - Cascades Resource Area

Name/description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Expected NEPA Dates	Contact Person
Land Acquisition				
Sandy River land acquisition (EA) The Cascades Resource Area is proposing to acquire, from willing sellers, approximately 561 acres of land along the Sandy River in 4 different parcels. Land and Water Conservation Funds would be used for the purchase. These parcels have potential high quality riparian and wetland habitat, fish habitat, and high scenic values.	T. 2 S., R. 5 E., Sections 10,13, 14, 15, 16	Scoping	EA- Winter/Spring of 2001	Barbara Raible (503)375-5687
Vegetation Treatments				
Manual Maintenance Approximately 900 acres of young conifer plantations throughout the resource area would be treated by cutting competing brush and hardwood trees. The purpose would be to ensure survival and growth of planted conifer trees. Work will take place in several land use allocations. A categorical exclusion will be prepared prior to making a decision on this action.	Resource Area Wide	Documen tation in Progress	CX : Spring 2001. Work is planned to start in July, 2001.	Contact Colin Rabe at (503) 375-5625 or via email at Salem_mail@blm.gov for information.
Precommercial Thinning Approximately 1500 acres of young conifer plantations throughout the resource area would be thinned. Work will take place in both Matrix and LSR land use allocations. Within the Matrix (GFMA and Connectivity) the average spacing will be 12 feet. The purpose would be to increase growth and yield on selected crop trees. Within the LSR, stands will be thinned to a variable spacing ranging from 7 to 21 feet. The average spacing on each unit will be 14 feet (220 trees per acre). The primary purpose of thinning in LSR would be to promote the development of late successional forest conditions. A categorical exclusion will be prepared prior to making a decision on these actions.	Resource Area wide		Work is planned to start in July, 2001.	Contact Dugan Bonney at (503) 315-5915 or via email at Salem_mail@blm.gov for information.

Ongoing Projects - Cascades Resource Area

Name/description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Expected NEPA Dates	Contact Person
Engineering				
Quartzville Road and Bridge Repair (EA) The project proposes to repair portions of several roads and bridges within the Quartzville watershed. The objective of this project is to repair the facilities that have been damaged during heavy rains or high stream flows and to prevent further erosion.	T11S R3E Section 25, T12S R2E Section 13, T12S R3E Section 4 as well as other locations along or tributary to the Quartzville Road in the Quartzville watershed.	Scoping	EA -Spring 2001	Dan Nevin (503) 375-5673 or Fran Philipek (503) 375-5613
Molalla Road and Bridge Repair (EA) The project proposes to repair portions of several roads and bridges within the Molalla watershed. The objective of this project is to repair the facilities that have been damaged during heavy rains or high stream flows and to prevent further erosion.	T7S R3E Section 6, T7S R4E Sec. 29 as well as other locations along or tributary to the Molalla River Road in the Molalla watershed	Scoping	EA -Spring 2001	Dan Nevin (503) 375-5673 or Dave Rosling (503) 375-5679
Land Acquisition				
Fishermen's Bend Land Acquisition (EA) The Cascades Resource Area is proposing to acquire, from a willing seller, a 17-acre parcel along the North Santiam River adjacent to the eastern boundary of Fishermen's Bend Recreation Site. If acquired, the parcel would become part of Fishermen's Bend Recreation Site. Land and Water Conservation Funds would be used for the purchase. The acquisition of the parcel would expand Fishermen's Bend Recreation Site and provide additional recreation opportunities.	T. 9 S., R. 3 E., Section 25, Willamette Meridian. Fishermen's Bend is located approximately 32 miles east of Salem, and one mile west of Mill City, off of State Highway 22.	Scoping	EA - March 2001	Laura Graves (503) 315-5908
Recreation				
Aquila Vista Environmental Education Site (EA) The project includes the design and construction of a ½ mile interpretive trail, and a small 50 foot wetlands access dock. It also includes wetland area water retention and vegetation enhancements.	Sec. 6, T. 7 S., R. 3 E., about 18 miles southwest of the City of Molalla	Analysis Ongoing	Environmental Assessment (EA) - Spring 2001	Laura Graves (503) 315-5908

Ongoing Projects - Cascades Resource Area

Name/description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Expected NEPA Dates	Contact Person
Table Rock Wilderness Trail Projects (EA) Various improvements to the Table Rock Trail System including the design and construction of about ½ mile of connecting trail; rerouting, improvement and stabilization of up to 2 miles of existing trail and; improvements to trailhead areas for parking, information and vault toilets.	Sec. 6,T. 7 S., R. 3 E., about 18 miles southwest of the City of Molalla; within the Table Rock Wilderness near the Molalla River off the Molalla Forest Road; and within the existing Molalla River Recreation Corridor	Analysis Ongoing	Environmental Assessment (EA) - Spring or Summer 2001	Laura Graves (503) 315-5908
Miscellaneous Land Uses Requests				
Process requests for various land uses such as rights-of-way, tailholds, special use permits (EA/CX/DNA)	Resource Area-wide	Ongoing	Ongoing	Carolyn Sands (503) 315-5973
Vegetation Treatments				
Timber Sales: * see Table: Timber Sales for the Salem District - Fiscal Year 2001 and 2002				
Fawn Creek (EA No. OR-080-99-15) *	Little North Santiam Watershed	Ea - completed	Decision/ Sale Advertise May 2001	Bob Hershey (503) 315-5931
Rusty Saw (EA No. OR-080-99-08) *	Eagle Creek Watershed	Ea - completed	Decision/ Sale Advertise August 2001	Bob Hershey (503) 315-5931
South McCully (EA No. OR-080-01-05) *	Lower North Santiam River and Thomas Creek Watersheds.	Ea - To be completed March 2001	Decision/ Sale Advertise Sept. 2001	Keith Walton (503) 375-5676
Pine Rock (EA No. OR-080-99-04) *	Upper Molalla Watershed	Ea - completed	Decision/ Sale Advertise Sept. 2001	Barb Raible (503) 375-5687
Hide and Seek (EA) *	Bull Run River and Middle Sandy River Watersheds	EA - In preparation	EA - May 2001	Barb Raible (503) 375-5687
Sinker Swim (EA) *	Little North Santiam River Watershed	EA - In preparation	EA - Summer 2001	Randy Herrin (503) 315-5924

Ongoing Projects - Cascades Resource Area

Name/description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Expected NEPA Dates	Contact Person
Hillock (EA) Approximately 100 acres of Matrix lands would be assessed for regeneration harvest and commercial thinning	T5SR4E Secs. 12, 24 and 26 approximately 12 miles south of Estacada, Oregon in the Middle Clackamas River Watershed.	Analysis and Surveys Ongoing	EA - fall of 2001.	Vince Cargile (503) 315-5920
Clear Dodger/Bee Canyon (EA) Approximately 390 acres of Matrix lands would be assessed for regeneration harvest and commercial thinning.	T4SR4E Secs. 13, 23, 24 and 25 approximately 6 miles south of Estacada, Oregon in the Middle and Lower Clackamas River Watersheds; and T5SR3E Sec. 13 and T5SR4E Sec. 19 approximately 11 miles south of Estacada, Oregon in the Milk Creek Watershed.	Analysis and Surveys Ongoing	EA - fall/winter of 2001.	Keith Walton (503) 375-5676
Turnridge (EA) Approximately 370 acres of Matrix lands will be assessed for regeneration harvest and commercial thinning.	T10SR3E Secs. 1, 3, 5 and 11 approximately 3 miles southeast of Mill City, Oregon in the Middle North Santiam River Watershed.	Analysis and Surveys Ongoing	EA - spring of 2002.	Randy Herrin (503) 315-5924
South M&M (EA) Approximately 440 acres of Matrix lands would be assessed for regeneration harvest and commercial thinning.	T.12S.,R.3E., Secs. 18, 19, 20 and 30 approximately 12 miles NE of Sweet Home, in the Quartzville Creek Watershed	Analysis and Surveys Ongoing	EA - Summer 2002	Vince Cargile (503) 315-5920
Upper Eagle Creek (EA) Document impacts of proposed regeneration harvest of about 100 acres of Matrix lands in support of decision to select No Action Alternative.	Sec. 25, T. 3 S., R. 5 E., approximately 9 miles east of Estacada, in the Eagle Creek Watershed	EA- In Preparation	EA Summer 2001	Keith Walton (503) 375-5676
Watershed Restoration Projects				
Quartzville Road Storm Proofing and Decommissioning (EA) Planning has begun to storm proof or decommission up to 50 miles of degraded roads in the Quartzville and Crabtree Watersheds.	Throughout the Quartzville and Crabtree Watersheds	Scoping	EA - Spring 2001	Dan Nevin (503) 375-5673

Ongoing Projects - Cascades Resource Area

Name/description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Expected NEPA Dates	Contact Person
Clear Creek/ Williams Lake Road Storm Proofing and Decommissioning (EA) This proposed action would storm proof or decommission and install gates on up to 5 miles of degraded roads in the Upper Clear and South Fork Clackamas Watersheds.	T5S, R4E Sections 14, 26 & 36	Scoping	EA - Spring 2001	Jim Irving (503) 315-5917

Other Projects - Cascades Resource Area

Name/description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Expected Completion Date	Contact Person
Watershed Analyses and Assessments				
Crabtree Watershed Analysis The Crabtree Watershed Analysis is being conducted by a BLM interdisciplinary team. The analysis began in the fall of 1999, and is nearing completion. The results will be posted on our internet site. Interested public who would like a copy of the watershed analysis document can contact Jim England at (503)315-5913.	BLM lands in the Crabtree Valley and the Snow Peak area in the upper reaches of the watershed. The lower portion includes private agricultural/rural lands and the communities of Lacombe and Crabtree	Ongoing	April 2001	Jim England (503) 315-5913
Quartzville Watershed Analysis The Quartzville Watershed Analysis is being conducted by a BLM interdisciplinary team. The watershed includes land managed by the BLM, U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as well as state, county and private lands.	The Quartzville Watershed begins at Green Peter Dam and continues up the northern arm of Green Peter Reservoir and ends at the headwaters of Quartzville Creek.	Ongoing	September 2001	Laura Graves (503) 315-5908

TILLAMOOK RESOURCE AREA

Tillamook's schedule of proposed actions is organized by project type, project name/description, location, planning status, expected decision date, and contact person. Some typical stages of planning a project include the following:

Developing Proposed Action -	A site-specific proposal, called a Proposed Action, is developed to move the existing condition of an area towards a desired condition or result.
Scoping -	Public comment is sought on the Proposed Action. Comments are used to refine the proposal or to identify issues which will define the scope of analysis and alternatives to be considered.
Developing Alternatives -	A range of alternatives is developed based on the issues raised during scoping, while addressing the purpose and need for the project.
Analyzing Effects -	The effects of implementing the alternative(s) are determined and documented in an EIS (Environmental Impact Statement), EA (Environmental Assessment), CX (Categorical Exclusion) or DNA (Determination of NEPA Adequacy).
Comment Period -	Comments are generally sought for 60 days on a draft EIS, and for 30 days on an EA and FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact). There are no established comment periods for a CX or DNA. Comment periods are established commensurate with anticipated level of public interest.
Notice of Decisions -	Notice of decisions from an EIS and EA will be published in "a newspaper of general circulation in the area where the lands affected by the decision are located" and sent to those who have requested such. Notices of decision from an EIS will also be published in the Federal Register. Notice for projects which qualify as a CX or DNA will be available for public review at the Tillamook Field Office, 4610 Third Street, Tillamook, Oregon 97141; Phone: (503) 815-1100.

TILLAMOOK RESOURCE AREA					
TYPE OF PROJECT	NAME/DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT ¹	LOCATION	PLANNING STATUS	EXPECTED DECISION DATE	CONTACT PERSON
Multiple Projects	Plentywater Creek (EA). The project includes various watershed restoration projects and vegetation management actions (thinning and regeneration harvest). The proposed project area includes portions of the Dairy and McKay Creek watersheds which are designated Matrix and Riparian Reserve.	T.2N., R.2W., Sec. 7, 15, 17, 21; McKay Creek watershed (Tualatin); T.3N., R.3W., Sec. 21, 27, 29; T.2N., R.3W., Sec. 3, 9; and mainstem of Dairy Creek.	Analyzing Effects	Preliminary decision by April, 2001. Final decision date TBA	David Roche' @ (503) 815-1128
Multiple Projects	Scoggins Creek (EA). The project includes wildlife habitat enhancement, vegetation management, and watershed restoration actions within the Adaptive Management Area and Riparian Reserve LUAs. Additionally, legal road access to the project area may need to be obtained through appropriate right-of-way agreement(s).	T.1S., R.5W., Sec. 3, 5, 8, 9, 15; Scoggins Creek watershed	Developing Alternatives	Preliminary decision by May, 2001. Final decision date TBA	Carolina Hooper @ (503) 815-1119
Watershed Restoration	Upper Nestucca Restoration and Enhancement Project (EA No. 086-00-02). This project involves fish habitat restoration/enhancement measures (e.g., large woody debris contribution to stream channels, riparian planting) at numerous locations throughout the upper Nestucca River watershed.	Numerous locations within the Nestucca River watershed	EA completed	Final decision issued January 12, 2001.	Matt Walker @ (503) 815-1145
Watershed Restoration	Coastal Forest Road Stabilization Project (EA No. 086-00-04). This project involves the treatment (e.g., removal of unstable sidecast soil from locations where there is high potential of triggering landslides, road decommissioning, storm proofing, and road repair) of various BLM forest roads located within the Nestucca and Tillamook Bay watersheds for the purpose of control and reduction of road-related runoff and sediment production.	Numerous roads located within the Nestucca, Trask, Wilson, and Kilchis watersheds	EA completed	Final decision issued December 18, 2000	Bob McDonald @ (503) 815-1110

TILLAMOOK RESOURCE AREA					
TYPE OF PROJECT	NAME/DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT ¹	LOCATION	PLANNING STATUS	EXPECTED DECISION DATE	CONTACT PERSON
Miscellaneous Land Use Requests	Process requests for various land uses such as right-of-ways, tailholds, special use permits (EA/CX/DNA).	Resource Area-wide	Ongoing	Ongoing	Katrina Symons @ (503) 815-1460
Transportation System Management	Road Maintenance and Repair (EA/CX/DNA).	Resource Area-wide	Ongoing	Ongoing	Tim Livengood @ (503) 815-1116 or Katrina Symons @ (503) 815-1460
Watershed Analysis	Mid-Tualatin (i.e., Rock and McFee watersheds), Wilson River and Clatskanie River Watershed Analyses and Assessments. The Mid-Tualatin watershed analysis was submitted for printing in February 2001. Work is ongoing for the Wilson River and Clatskanie River watershed assessments.	Numerous watersheds	Ongoing	Not applicable as these documents are not subject to NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act)	Mid-Tualatin - Mike Allen @ (503) 815-1126; Wilson River - Katrina Symons @ (503) 815-1460; Clatskanie River - David Roche' @ (503) 815-1128
Salem District Resource Management Plan Implementation Strategy Development	Elkhorn Creek Project Identification. An interdisciplinary team approach to project identification on a watershed-level basis. Currently evaluating the Elkhorn Creek area of the Trask watershed. Potential projects include: wildlife and fish habitat improvement, road repair and maintenance, density management, and recreation site improvements among others.	3165 acres in T.1S., R.6 W., Sec. 34; T.1S., R.5W., Sec. 31; T.2S., R.6W., Sec. 4,5,8,10,16, & 19; and T.2S., R.5W., Sec. 7.	Ongoing. Planning process expected to be completed by June, 2001.	Not applicable as this step in the planning process is not subject to NEPA. Upon completion of this process, those projects which are identified as "ripe for decision" will be subject to NEPA.	Carolina Hooper @ (503) 815-1119

1. (EA) = Currently planned documentation is an Environmental Assessment
 (CX) = Currently planned documentation is a Categorical Exclusion
 (DNA) = Currently planned documentation is a Determination of NEPA Adequacy
 LUA = Land use allocation

The following Tillamook Resource Area timber sale projects have completed environmental assessments and decision documentation with a tentative FY 2001 offering date: Coast Creek (Willamina Creek watershed), Powerline Dairy (Dairy Creek watershed), Stoned Gopher (Willamina Creek watershed), and Willy's Elk (Willamina Creek watershed). Refer to the Timber Sale Table for more details.

The following Tillamook Resource Area timber sale projects have completed environmental assessments and decision documentation but are awaiting award of the timber sale contract: Pigs Puzzle (Scappoose Creek watershed) and Pisgah Progeny (Scappoose Creek watershed).

The following Tillamook Resource Area timber sale projects have been postponed: Borderline Bear and Bald Loop (both within the Nestucca River watershed). Borderline Bear, along with other proposals, may be reconfigured as Tucca Bear density management. More information concerning this possible reconfiguration is anticipated to be presented in the June edition of the Salem District Project Update.

MARYS PEAK RESOURCE AREA

Name, Type & Description of Project	Location	NEPA Process Status	Contact Person
Timber Sales			
Running Bear Density Management (EA: OR 080-99-09) - (see also Crooked Alder above) These 3 sections encompass over 700 acres of 40- to 50-year-old Douglas-fir forests. These stands lie within a corridor identified in the Late-Successional Reserve Assessment (LSRA) in which density management & coarse woody debris enhancement may be appropriate to hasten development of late-successional forest characteristics.	T.12S., R.7W., Secs. 32 & 33, and T.13 S., R.7 W., Sec. 5 (all in Benton Co.), approx. 10 mi. SW of Philomath, in the North Fork Alsea watershed.	About 350 acres have been evaluated for treatment within an EA prepared at the end of June 1999. Currently, about 300 acres are being re-evaluated. A final decision & sale date of August 2002 are expected.	Scott Hopkins, 503-315-5956.
Getaway Commercial Thinning (EA: OR 080-00-02) - This project involves commercial thinning of approx. 100 acres of 40-year-old Douglas-fir forest in order to meet the annual allowable sale quantity for the Marys Peak Resource Area.	T.14S., R.7W., Secs. 25, 35 & 36 (Benton Co.), approx. 5 mi. SW of Alpine, in the South Fork Alsea River watershed	An EA & FONSI were available for comment May 3 - June 6, 2000. A final decision was made on August 28, 2000; the sale date was November 29, 2000.	Gary Humbard, 503-315-5981.
Glen Hammer Density Management (EA: OR 080-00-01) - The proposed project would include manipulating stand densities inside of approx. 32 acres of Riparian Reserves in order to meet Aquatic Conservation Strategy Objectives found in the Salem District RMP.	T.15S., R.6W., Secs. 5, 8 & 9 (Benton Co.), approx. 4 mi. SW of Alpine, in the Marys River Watershed (<i>Benton Foothills Watershed Analysis</i> area)	The EA was completed in June 2000. The comment period was from June 6 to July 11. A final decision was made on August 24, 2000; the sale date was September 27, 2000.	Gary Humbard, 503-315-5981.
Duffy Creek Thinning (EA: OR 080-99-10) - The project includes about 167 acres of 45- to 65-year-old Douglas-fir. Proposed activities include commercial thinning, density management & road construction.	T.13S., R.6W., Secs. 7 & 17 (Benton Co.), approx. 10 mi. SW of Philomath, in an area covered by the <i>Benton Foothills Watershed Analysis</i> .	A final decision was made on August 4; the sale date was August 30, 2000. Appealed with request for stay Sept. 25, 2000; stay granted Nov. 14, 2000.	Roy S. Majewski, 503-315-5993.

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Buttermilk Lake Regeneration Harvest (EA #OR 080-00-11) - The project area is a 38-acre stand of Douglas-fir, with stand ages ranging from 60 to 120 years, located in the Matrix. Approx. 23 upland acres are proposed for regeneration harvest.	T.11S., R.8W., Sec. 6 (Lincoln Co.), in the Yaquina River watershed, approx. 4 mi. east of Eddyville.	Wildlife surveys are in progress; EA projected for December 2001.	Bill Caldwell, 503-315-5961
Gotaway Commercial Thinning & Density Management (EA: OR 080-00-08) - The project involves commercial thinning of approx. 87 acres of Matrix, & density management of approx. 56 acres of Late-Successional Reserve & 112 acres of Riparian Reserve of 45-year-old Douglas-fir. Total is ~ 255 acres.	T.15S., R.6W., Sec. 6; T.14S., R.6W., Sec. 31; and T.14S., R.7W., Secs. 25, 26, 35 & 36, (Benton Co.), approx. 5 mi. SW of Alpine, in the South Fork Alsea Watershed.	An EA will be prepared by the end of May 2001. A final decision & planned sale date are expected in September 2001.	Gary Humbard, 503-315-5981
South Hammer Density Management (EA: OR 080-00-09) - The project would include manipulating stand densities in approx. 48 acres of Riparian Reserves in order to meet Aquatic Conservation Strategy Objectives found in the <i>Salem District Resource Management Plan</i> .	T.15S., R.6W., Sec. 8 (Benton Co.), approx. 4 mi. SW of Alpine, in the South Fork Alsea watershed.	An EA will be prepared by the end of February 2001, with a final decision & planned sale date of August 2001.	Gary Humbard, 503-315-5981
Klickitat Tie Density Management (EA #OR-080-00-12) - The proposed project area is approx. 361 acres within a corridor identified in the LSRA where density management & coarse woody debris enhancement would be appropriate to hasten development of late-successional forest characteristics. Stands in the proposed project are 50- to 60-years old & were identified by stand exams as densely stocked. Proposed activities include density management, coarse woody debris enhancement, & road construction & decommissioning.	T.13S., R.7W., Secs. 9, 15, & 21 (Benton Co.), approx. 10 mi. SW of Philomath, in the North Fork Alsea watershed.	We have sent letters to the public requesting issues to consider in the preparation of the EA. An EA will be prepared by the end of March 2001, with a final decision and planned sale date of August 2001.	Amy Haynes, 503-315-5955

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Flat Peak Mountain Thinning (EA: OR-080-00-13) - The project area encompasses approx. 178 acres of 60-year-old Douglas-firs. Proposed activities include 111 acres of commercial thinning, 67 acres of density management, & road construction & road renovation.	T.13S., R.7W., Sec. 25 (Benton Co.), approx. 10 mi. SW of Philomath, an area covered by the <i>Benton Foothills & South Fork Alsea watershed analyses</i> .	The EA & FONSI will be completed in March 2001; comment period will be 30 days.	Phil Sjoding, 503-315-5980
North Fork Alsea Overlook Density Management (EA: OR-080-01-04) - The project would include density management on approx. 452 acres of 45- to 60-years old forest in Late-Successional Reserve.	T.13S., R.7W., Secs. 7, 17 & 19 (Benton Co.), approx. 15mi. SW of Philomath, in the North Fork Alsea Watershed.	We will begin requesting public input for issues to consider in the preparation of an EA in summer 2001.	Gary Humbard 503-315-5981
South Willy Density Management Timber Sale (EA: OR-080-01-02) - The project area encompasses approximately 390 acres of 40- to 100- year-old Douglas-fir in Matrix and Riparian Reserves. Proposed activities include regeneration harvest, commercial thinning, density management, and road construction.	T.15S., R.6W., Secs. 6, 7 & 8, and T.15S., R.7W., Sec. 12 (Benton Co.), approx. 10 mi. west of Monroe, OR in the South Fork Alsea watershed.	The project is proposed for FY 2002. We are currently scoping for issues to consider in preparation of an EA.	Roy S. Majewski, 503-315-5993.
Silviculture Projects			
Plantation Maintenance (CX: OR 080-01-05) - This project has two parts: 1) approx. 203 acres of competing shrubs & hardwoods around young conifer trees would be cut to maintain conifer survival & stocking; 2) on approx. 432 acres, conifer trees would be spaced by cutting excess conifers where needed to enhance tree growth. Species diversity will be promoted. At one Progeny Test Site (Pedee Creek; 13 acres), competing shrubs & hardwoods around young conifer test trees would be cut to maintain conifer survival.	Marys Peak Resource Area-wide; Pedee Creek site is in T 9 S, R 6 W, sec. 7.	CX to be completed early spring 2001. Project implementation is planned for late spring and summer 2001.	Kris Peterson, 503-315-5958; Bill Caldwell, 503-315-5961

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Name, Type & Description of Project	Location	NEPA Process Status	Contact Person
Precommercial Thinning/Density Management (CX: OR 080-01-05) -This project would treat approx. 550 acres by spacing conifer trees. Over-stocked stands would be thinned where needed to enhance tree growth, and to promote species diversity.	Marys Peak Resource Area-wide	CX to be completed early spring 2001. Project implementation is planned for fall 2001.	Kris Peterson, 503-315-5958; Bill Caldwell, 503-315-5961
Riparian and Stream Restoration Projects			
Lobster Creek Patch Openings Riparian Restoration (EA OR 080-99-02) - Four one-acre patch openings within hardwood stands are being created. The purpose is to restore conifers to riparian areas along these streams. All hardwoods within the patches were cut & removed, & all brush was cut.	Lobster Creek & South Fork Lobster Creek	Project completed February 2001. Planted seedlings will be released in June 2001.	Amy Haynes, 503-315-5955; Steve Baldwin, 503-315-5962
Alder Thinning Restoration (EA OR 080-99-02) - Pure alder stands are being thinned to a 20-foot spacing (110 trees per acre) & planted with conifers in 1993-95, & the conifers needed further release to maintain growth. Remaining alders are being thinned to a 30-foot spacing, leaving approx. 50 alders per acre within the project areas. Total size of project areas is approx. 111 acres.	South Fork Lobster Creek, East Fork Lobster Creek, Lob-ster Creek, South Fork Alsea River, & Bear Creek	Ongoing. Work is expected to be completed in <i>Spring 2001</i> .	Amy Haynes, 503-315-5955; Steve Baldwin, 503-315-5962
Brush Removal - Conifers planted in riparian restoration projects would be released from brush competition. Project areas include 175 plots, varying in size from .05 to 1 acre, and scattered areas totaling approx. 111 acres. Work would be accomplished by contract using Jobs-in-the-Woods funding.	Locations: East Fork Lobster Cr., South Fork Lobster Cr., Lobster Cr., Bear Cr., and South Fork Alsea River.	Project would be implemented in June 2001.	Amy Haynes, 503-315-5955; Steve Baldwin, 503-315-5962

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Fish Enhancement - The Marys Peak Resource Area continues to work with watershed councils to improve stream conditions for fish.	Resource Area-wide		Brad Keller 503-315-5968.
Engineering			
S. Fork Rickreall Decommission (EA: OR 080-99-12) (JITW) - Remove and restore all perennial and intermittent stream crossings; outslope, seed, and close road.	Rickreall Creek drainage	EA completed; decision signed June 1999. Project deferred.	Steve Cyrus 503-315-5988.
Mill Creek Culvert (EA Number not yet assigned) (JITW) - Replace deteriorating major drainage structure with a fish passage structure. Clean out or remove in-stream trash rack.	Mill Creek (North Fork Alsea River)	EA to be completed by Spring 2001.	Russ Buswell 503-315-5989.
J-Line Road Restoration (EA: OR 080-99-12) (JITW) - Decommission 4.5 miles of road in a Key Watershed. Remove and restore one large stream crossing culvert and several smaller perennial and intermittent stream culverts. Outslope, water-bars, seed, and close road.	Lobster Creek drainage	EA completed; decision signed June 1999. Project planned to begin FY 2001.	Steve Cyrus 503-315-5988.
S-Line Slide Repair (DNA) (ERFO) - Remove and dispose of slide material, replace two drainage structures, and reconstruct roadway in three locations.	Upper Siletz watershed	Documentation of NEPA Adequacy for Road Maintenance activities completed November 2000.	Russ Buswell 503-315-5989.
Oliver Creek Road Repair (ERFO) (DNA) - Reconstruct and resurface roadway, place rip rap along fill slope, and replace one culvert.	Oliver Creek (Muddy Creek)	DNA for Road Maintenance activities completed November 2000.	Richard Bergen 503-315-5987.
Klickitat Road Repairs (ERFO) (EA Number not yet assigned) - Replace two drainage structures and reconstruct roadway upslope 50-80 feet.	Tributary to Parker Creek.	EA to be completed by Spring 2001.	Steve Cyrus 503-315-5988.
Bear Creek Decommissioning (JITW) - (Rd. 13-8-8.1) Remove structure to pass fish and decommission 2.5 miles of road.	Fall Creek (Alsea)	EA to be completed by Spring 2001.	Steve Cyrus 503-315-5988.

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Fall Creek Culvert Replacement - (Rd. 13-9-23.1) Replace structure to pass fish which may include: Bottomless Arch or Bridge (Consider cooperative effort with WII).	Fall Creek (Alsea)	EA to be completed by Spring 2001.	Russ Buswell 503-315-5989.
Racks Creek Decommission - (Rd. 13-8-9.1) Remove stream crossing culverts, outslope roadway, waterbar, seed, and close road entrance.	Racks Creek (N. Fork Alsea)	EA to be completed by Spring 2001.	Russ Buswell 503-315-5989.
Lower Swamp Creek Culvert Replacement - (Rd. 14-8-24) Replace deteriorated double pipe arches with new structure(s). (Private land)	Swamp Creek (S. Fork Alsea)	EA to be completed by Spring 2001.	Steve Cyrus 503-315-5988.
Record Creek Culvert Replacement - (Rd. 14-8-26) Replace existing culvert that does not pass fish with new fish passage culvert or pipe arch.	Tributary to Swamp Creek (S. Fork Alsea)	EA to be completed by Spring 2001.	Steve Cyrus 503-315-5988.

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Recreation			
Bicycle Trails & Foot Bridges (EA: OR 080-01-01) - Approx. 4 miles of bicycle/pedestrian trails & 3 foot-bridges would be constructed. The project would increase dispersed recreation opportunities to meet the projected recreation demand provided by the South Fork Backcountry Byway and the adjacent recreation site.	Alsea Falls Recreation Site	An EA will be prepared by the end of March 2001; public comment period will follow. A decision is anticipated by June 2001.	Doug Maxwell, 503-315-5990

Abbreviations used in this update are as follows:

EA = Environmental Assessment
CX = Categorical Exclusion
DNA = Determination of NEPA Adequacy
LUA = Land Use Allocation
JITW = Jobs-In-The-Woods
ERFO = Emergency Relief For Federally Owned Roads
DNA = Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and NEPA Adequacy

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